

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 508

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor Brigadier General Robin Mealer, U.S. Army (Retired), upon her many contributions to this nation, this State, and Austin Peay State University.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a distinguished former military officer and dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Robin Mealer, U.S. Army (Retired), an Austin Peay State University (APSU) alumna, currently serves as the director of the U.S. Army Manpower Analysis Agency at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Brig-Gen. Mealer earned her bachelor's degree in biology from York College of Pennsylvania and upon graduation was commissioned as an air defense artillery officer, with orders to initial entry rotary wing training; she served primarily in aviation and force management assignments at various installations, including Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, upon her selection as a force management officer in 2000, she was assigned to the Pentagon in various duty positions in the U.S. Army, culminating with an assignment as the chief of the Force Management and Integration Division; and

WHEREAS, Brig-Gen. Mealer led Army chief of staff initiatives to transform and build Army force structure capabilities and develop a RESET program to restore strategic depth and gain approval on additional end strength; she deployed to Afghanistan to assess Headquarters and Joint Manning documents of U.S. forces in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, she was deployed to Iraq for sixteen months to advise Iraqi Ministry of Defense General Officers on the development of their institutional capabilities to generate, train and sustain their forces; and

WHEREAS, Brig-Gen. Mealer retired from the U.S. Army in 2014, having rendered thirty-four years of meritorious service to her country; and

WHEREAS, she assumed her current duties on December 12, 2011, and as the military, now civilian, director of the U.S. Army Manpower Analysis Agency, she is responsible for the oversight of all manpower determination policies and analytical methodologies used in manpower requirements validation for the Army's generating force; and

WHEREAS, Brig-Gen. Mealer holds a master's degree in military science from the Command and General Staff College and a master's degree in national security and strategy from the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, she earned a Master of Arts degree in Special Education at APSU while she was serving as a professor of Military Science in the University's ROTC program from 1996-2000; and

WHEREAS, she gives back to her alma mater by serving on the Board of Trustees of APSU; and

WHEREAS, her many accolades and accomplishments aside, Brig-Gen. Mealer is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her children, Jerry, Jr., Brandi and her husband, David, and Benjamin, and her grandson, Aiden; and

WHEREAS, she treasures the memory of her late husband, Chief Warrant Officer (Retired) Jerry Mealer; and

WHEREAS, Brig-Gen. Mealer has devoted her entire career to the defense of our great nation, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Brigadier General Robin Mealer, U.S. Army (Retired), upon her many contributions to this nation, this State, and Austin Peay State

University, thank her for her astute service on the APSU Board of Trustees, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.